

# Dhafer Malouche

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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**Status:** Professor at the Higher School of Statistics and Information Analysis

**Skills:** R Software, H2O.ai, Data Visualization, Big Data, Machine Learning,

**Interests:** Statistics, Demography, Big Data, Data Analytics, Survey Methodology, Data Quality, Graphical Models, Epidemiology, Gender Discrimination.

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**Summary** Dhafer Malouche obtained a PhD in Statistics and Applied Mathematics from Paul Sabatier University in Toulouse, France in October 1997. In September 1998, he obtained an Assistant Professor position at the University of Sousse in Tunisia. During the 2002-2003 academic year, he was a visiting professor York University in Toronto. In 2003, he returned to Tunisia and served as Assistant Professor at the new Engineering School of Statistics in Tunisia, called the Higher School of Statistics and Information Analysis, becoming an Associate Professor in 2011 and Professor in 2018. He is now teaching several courses on Data Analysis (Bayesian Statistics, Data Mining, Regression Models, Times Series, Big Data, advanced R). He is supervising numerous projects and doctorate dissertations pertaining to real cases across various topics and has developed many collaborative, multidisciplinary research programs. In 2011, he was a Fulbright Scholar at the Department of Statistics at Stanford University. Since 2012, he has worked with political science scholars on the democratic transition in Tunisia. He has implemented three national surveys in Tunisia about the political transition and local governance (November 2012, Juin 2014 and March 2015). In 2014-2015, he worked in the Governance Local Development Program of Gothenburg University. He was invited to join the MacMillan Center at Yale University as a visiting professor. In 2016-2017, Dhafer served as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Center for Political Studies of the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

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## Education

**September 2009 Habilitation;** Ecole National d'Ingenieurs de Tunis, University Tunis El Manar

*Thesis Title: Problèmes autour des probabilités et de la statistique: Méthodes et Applications (Probability and Statistics Problems: Methods and Applications).*

**09/1994-10/1998 PhD Statistics;** Paul Sabatier University

*Thesis Title: Natural Exponential Families Associated to Pick Functions*

**09/1993-06/1994 Master Degree Applied Mathematics;** Paul Sabatier University

*Thesis Title: Classification of Natural Exponential families having a function variance  $Q(m)\sqrt{\Delta(m)}$*

**09/1989-06/1993 Major in Mathematics (*Maitrise de Mathématiques*),** Ecole Normale de Bizerte, Tunisia

## Experience

**Since 09/2003, Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor in Statistics.**

- Location: Higher School of Statistics and Information Analysis.
- Teaching: Times Series, Data Mining, Bayesian Statistics, Machine Learning and Big Data.

- Research: at the Unit of Research MASE (Modélisation et Analyse Statistique et Economique).
- *Notes* I started this position as Assistant Professor and I became an Associate Professor in 01/2011 and Professor in 2018.

#### **2016-2017, Visiting Fulbright Scholar.**

- Location: Center for Political Studies of the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.
- Activity: Working on Data Quality, Survey Methodology, Interviewer Effect.

#### **01/2014-09/2014, Visiting Professor**

- Location: MacMillan Center at Yale University
- Activity: Preparing two National level surveys that had been implemented in Tunisia in 06/2014 and in 03/2015. The first one was about the Political Transition in Tunisia and the second one was on Governance and Local Development (GLD)

#### **05/12 and 05/13, Visiting Associate-Professor**

- Location: University of Lille, France.
- Activity: Research on Graphical models with penalty criteria.

#### **05/11-07/11, Visiting Fulbright Scholar.**

- Location: Department of Statistics, Stanford University,
- Activity: Research on Graphical Models and Bayesian Networks.

#### **09/2002-07/2003, Visiting Professor.**

- Location: York University in Toronto.
- Teaching: Regression models with SAS, Introduction to the Theory of Probability, Introduction of Statistics.
- Research: Graphical Models and MCMC methods.

#### **1997-1998, Post-doctoral fellow**

- Location: Paul Sabatier University
- Teaching: Introduction to the Theory of Probability
- Research: Markov chains, Pick function

## **Papers**

- Ibtihel Rebhi and **Dhafer Malouche**, Decision Making about Products Development through Consumer Preferences Modeling Based on Descriptive Characteristics of Products, 2017 IEEE/ACS 14th International Conference on Computer Systems and Applications (AICCSA), 30 Oct.-3 Nov. 2017
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